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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 21st January 2026. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

This is a freedom of information request regarding critical incidents declared by hospitals within your NHS Trust between 13th November 2023 and 13th November 2025.

Request Details: I am seeking information about the number of critical incidents declared by all hospitals within your NHS trust during two specific one-year periods:

- Period 1: 13th November 2023 – 12th November 2024
- Period 2: 13th November 2024 – 12th November 2025

Please provide this information in a table format as follows:

Hospital Name	Number of incidents between 13/11/2023 – 12/11/2024	Number of incidents between 13/11/2024 – 12/11/2025
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust	1	1

The above critical incidents were one incident dated from 26th November 24 to 3rd December 2024; this was a system wide declared critical incident noting the pressures across the system.

Clarification:

- By "critical incident," I am referring to incidents declared under your Trust's major incident/critical incident procedures, typically involving significant disruption to normal services.
- Please include all hospital sites/locations within your Trust
- If no critical incidents were declared during either period for any hospital, please indicate "0".

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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